Cable T.V. Network

6689. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN:
SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN
SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH:

Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BRODCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private parties engaged in the cable T.V. network covering various kind of programmes including the screening of foreign films through video cassette in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to regulate the private business engaged in the screening of various foreign films and other programmes through cable TV network; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) No permission is required to set up a Cable T V Network within private premises. The details of the private parties engaged in this activity are, therefore, not available with the Government.

(b) and (c). The distribution of programmes by the Cable TV Networks is regulated at present under various provisions contained in the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, the Indian Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the Copyright Act, 1957, as amended from time to time.

Air Station at Palaght

6690. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an AIR station at Palaghat in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) No, Sir. There is no such approved sheme at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present more than half of Palaghat district in Kerala receives primary grade day time radio coverage from 20 KW MW transmitter located at Trichur. Steps have taken to augment the power of this transmitter to 100 KW. On its commissioning, practically the whole of Palaghat district will stand covered by radio coverage.

Overcharging by Drug Companies for anti-TB drugs.

6691. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some drugs companies are overcharging for anti-TB drugs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken or proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN). (a) and (b). Government has not received any complaints regarding overcharging of anti-TB formulations. However, there are some reports of overcharging in respect of anti-TB bulk drugs. The matter is being examined in consultation with the concerned State Drug Control Administration, and action under

DPCO, 1987 as well as Essential Commodities Act, 1955 as the case may be, if required will be initiated by the department.

Loans to Customers by Maruti Udyog Limited

6692. SHRI GURUD–AS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maruti Udyog Ltd. has decided to provide loans to coustmers for buying 1000 cc cars;

(b) if so, the maximum amount of loan to be sanctioned per customer; and

(c) the rate of interest and mode of repayment thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Maximum amount of loan that a customer can avail of is 70% of the invoice value of the car.

(c) The interest rate currently fixed is 22% per annum on reducing balance. The mode of repayment is through collection of equal monthly instalments by way of post-dated cheques from the customer.

Issue of Licences to Companies for Expansion

6693. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleaed to state:

(a) whether licences/permission for expansion were issued to several; Indian companies needing foreign technical know-how or imported raw materials on the conditions of phased manufacturing programme to bring some improvement and reduce imports; and

(b) if so, the number of such companies and the number out of them that have fulfilled the commitments given to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J.KURIEN) (a) and (b). In order to ensure speedy indigenisation of the required components and raw materials and satisfactory absorption of the imported technology, the condition that the phased manufacturing programme should be settled to the satisfaction of the Government used to be stipulated in the industrial approvals, such as, foreign collaboration apprcvals issued in the past. Actual implementation is monitored by the technical authorities, such as DGTD and the Import Licensing Authorities. No centralised data of such cases is maintained in the Ministry of Industry. According to the Statement on Industrial Policy laid on the table of the House on 24th Jul, 1991, the system of phased manufacturing programmes run on an administrative case by case basis will not be applicable to new projects. Existing Projects with such programmes will continue to be governed by them.

[*Translation*]

Grants to CFSI

6694: SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI RAM SHARN YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the tota l amount of grants given to childrens Film Society of India during each of the last two years;

(b) the steps taken to check the proper utilisation of grants by the Society and pro-